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as Professor Todd states. His conclusions regarding the new enterprises in Asia and Africa, on the other hand, reflect the enthusiasm of the promoters; prolonged experience with "cheap labor" may necessitate important qualifications.

In describing the methods of baling and handling cotton in the United States, the careless practices which disgrace the American cotton bale are again criticised and a plausible remedy is suggested. The cause of these conditions is found to lie in the lack of continuity of interest and in the system of sampling. From the gin to the factory the cotton passes through numerous hands and no one is held responsible for the wretched condition in which the cotton finally arrives. Lack of responsibility results in lack of care. Furthermore, according to present trading methods, the cotton must be sampled at various stages in the marketing process, and at each sampling a fresh hole is dug into the bale, never to be patched up. The remedy would be to have the bale compressed at the gin and a set of certified samples taken from the press box, rendering further sampling unnecessary. The immediate adoption of this reform is not to be expected, owing to the influence of old customs and the opposition of vested interests.

A concluding chapter summarizes some of the effects of the war upon the cotton trade during the autumn of 1914. Useful statistical tables are given in the appendix.

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